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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR GLOMAR CHALLENGER LEG. 42A:  
-- THE MEDITERRANEAN

1. DSDP LEG. 42A SET TO BEGIN DRILLING IN MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA APRIL 12 AND CONTINUE AT SEVEN DRILLSITES UNTIL MAY 19.  
REQUEST US DEL LOS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DRILLSITES IN TERMS  
OF POSSIBLE EFFECT ON NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF  
POTENTIAL FOR CONFUSION BETWEEN GLOMAR CHALLENGER AND GLOMAR  
EXPLORER.

2. SITES FOLLOW WITH MILEAGE FROM NEAREST LAND AND DEPTH  
OF DRILLSITE. AT SOME SITES, SEVERAL HOLES MAY BE DRILLED  
IN SAME VICINITY.

A) SITE M1 IS 23 MILES EAST OF BALEARIC ISLES AT 2600  
-- METERS DEPTH.

B) SITE M2 IS AT 4100 METERS OVER 100 MILES EAST OF  
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--- MALTA.

C) SITE M3 IS 40 MILES WEST OF CYPRUS AT 2200 METERS.

D) SITE M4 IS 90 MILES NORTH OF EGYPT AND 120 MILES  
--- WEST OF ISRAEL AT 650 METERS.

E) SITE M5 IS 45 MILES NORTH OF ALGERIA AT 2750 METERS

F) SITE M6 IS AT 3650 METERS DEPTH SURROUNDED BY  
--- SARDINIA, ITALY AND SICILY NO CLOSER THAN 72 MILES  
--- TO LAND.

G) SITE M8 IS 26 MILES NORTH OF CRETE IN AEGEAN SEA.

ABOVE SITES ARE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS.

3. DEPT. CONSIDERS ALL SITES TO BE SUBJECT TO HIGH SEAS  
FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HOWEVER, ALL ARE WITHIN  
200 MILES AND THEREFORE POSSIBLE COASTAL STATE REACTIONS  
TO VESSEL'S OPERATIONS COULD AFFECT U.S. SCIENTIFIC RE-  
SEARCH OBJECTIVES IN ECONOMIC ZONE. DEL COMMENTS WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED BY COB MARCH 27. KISSINGER

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